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In The Claims:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A glass composition, for a sheet glass used in flat panel displays or for a crystallized glass, of a multicomponent oxide glass manufactured by melting glass raw materials, comprising:

10 ppm or more of at least one type of a polyvalent element selected from the group consisting of V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, ~~Zn,~~Ga, Ge, As, Se, Y, Zr, Mo, Rh, Ag, Cd, Sn, Sb, Te, Ti, Pt, Au, and Bi;

minimum valence cations of the polyvalent element in a ratio of a minimum valence cation content to a total polyvalent element content of 5 to 98% in mass ratio; and

0.01 to 2 μl/g (0°C, 1 atm) of helium.

2. (original) A glass composition according to claim 1, further comprising at least one of:

1 ppm or more in mass ratio of at least one component selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, and SO_3; and

10 ppm or more in mass ratio of OH.

3. (previously presented) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein a mass ratio of the minimum valence cation content is higher by 0.1 to 40% as compared to the ratio of a glass composition manufactured by melting in an oxygen-containing atmosphere.

4. (currently amended) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein ~~comprising 1 ppm or more of~~ the cations of the polyvalent element are presented in an amount of 1 ppm or more.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyvalent element is Sn, and a mass ratio of a divalent cation content of Sn to a total Sn content is between 20 to 50%.

7. (previously presented)A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyvalent element is Sb, and a mass ratio of a trivalent cation content of Sb to a total Sb content is 70% or more.

8. (previously presented) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyvalent element is As, and a mass ratio of a trivalent cation content of As to a total As content is 60% or more.

9. (previously presented) A glass composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyvalent element is Fe, and a mass ratio of a divalent cation content of Fe to a total Fe content is 30% or more.